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Title: Method and Apparatus for Elimination of Prolog and Epilog Instructions  
in a Vector Processor using Data Validity Tags and Sink Counters

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### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

#### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

In response to the office action mailed on 12th December, 2007, Applicant wishes to enter the following remarks for the Examiner's consideration. This response accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

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